

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1521

Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 52.3 of the Civil Code, relating to civil rights.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1521, as introduced, Ridley-Thomas. Civil rights: law enforcement.

Existing law authorizes the Attorney General to bring a civil action for equitable and declaratory relief to eliminate a pattern or practice of conduct by a governmental authority, or agent or person acting on behalf of that authority, that deprives any person of rights secured by state or federal law.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive, technical change to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 52.3 of the Civil Code is amended to
2 read:
3 52.3. (a) No governmental authority,~~—or~~ agent of a
4 governmental authority, or person acting on behalf of ~~a~~ any
5 governmental authority, shall engage in a pattern or practice of
6 conduct by law enforcement officers that deprives any person of
7 rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the

- 1 Constitution or laws of the United States or by the Constitution
- 2 or laws of California.
- 3 (b) The Attorney General may bring a civil action in the name
- 4 of the people to obtain appropriate equitable and declaratory
- 5 relief to eliminate the pattern or practice of conduct specified in
- 6 subdivision (a), whenever the Attorney General has reasonable
- 7 cause to believe that a violation of subdivision (a) has occurred.